

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 19-27 have now been replaced by new claims 28-36 which are supported by the disclosure as follows: new claims 28 and 34 are supported in Examples 1, 2, 3 and 6 of the specification; new claims 29 and 36, which recite a weight ratio of protein to polyphenol of 15-1000, are supported by Example 1, which discloses 100mg of protein (insulin) treated with 100 μ l of a 1mg/ml solution of polyphenol, or 0.1mg of polyphenol, for a weight ratio of protein to polyphenol of 1000, and by Example 3 which discloses 750 μ g of protein (Human EGF) treated with 50 μ l of a 1mg/ml solution of polyphenol, or 50 μ g of polyphenol for a weight ratio of protein to polyphenol of 15; new claim 30 is supported by Examples 1, 2, 3, and 6; of the specification; new claim 31 is supported by the first and third full paragraphs on page 4 of the specification; new claims 32 and 33 are supported by original claims 2 and 3; and new claim 35 is supported by the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the specification.

In response to the requirement for the election of a single invention, applicant hereby elects invention 2 drawn to a method of making a protein complex as recited in claims 16-18, for further prosecution.

In response to the requirement for election of a single species of cell from those disclosed and covered in former claims 2, 5, 15, 22 and 24, applicant hereby elects endothelial cells for further prosecution.

In response to the requirement for election of a single species of organ and tissue from those disclosed and covered in former claims 2, 6, 15, 25 and 27 applicant hereby elects blood vessels for further prosecution.

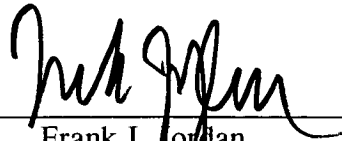
Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$110 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

Respectfully submitted,

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